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Updated: 5/4/2015						
Monday, May 11, 2015	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	007A	FEMA G272 Warning Coordination Course (Part 1)	The goal of this workshop is to enable the emergency management community to save lives and protect property through effective warning coordination and communication to the public.	Mark Strobin
Tuesday, May 12, 2015	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	002A	CEM/AEM Preparatory Course and Exam.	<p>The CEM®/AEM Exam Prep Course is intended for professional emergency managers interested in obtaining the CEM®/AEM designation. A Certified Emergency Manager is an individual who possesses the knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively manage a comprehensive disaster/emergency management program. To Register: Candidates must register through the IAEM website, www.iaem.com/cem by May 3, 2015 date. The course is \$495. The CEM/AEM Exam is scheduled for May 13 at 2:00 PM. An additional fee is required to take the exam.</p> <p>The Certified Emergency Manager/Associate Emergency Manager Exam Preparatory Course includes a review of CEM® program requirements (experience, education, professional contributions and more) as well as explanation of the AEM program requirements; application procedures, tips for successful program completion; an overview of the CEM®/AEM exam, the standards upon which the exam is based, sample exam questions along with a Q&A period. Participants should come prepared to ask specific questions related to the program and/or to their personal credentials submission. A minimum of 10 people are required for this course.</p>	Kate McClimans
Tuesday, May 12, 2015	8:30 AM	12:30 PM	007A	FEMA G272 Warning Coordination Course (Part 2)	The goal of this workshop is to enable the emergency management community to save lives and protect property through effective warning coordination and communication to the public.	Mark Strobin
Tuesday, May 12, 2015	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	201	AMBER, Blue, Silver & Endangered Missing Persons Alert Basic Course	Learn how law enforcement activates alert resources for missing persons at available local, regional and state networks. 3-hours credit offered for TCOLE course #3619. Register at preparingtexas.org .	Sam Allen

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Tuesday, May 12, 2015	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	008B	Analysis of Local Finance Departments	This four-hour session will focus on the accounting practices of individual finance departments. Designed for executive leadership and their finance personnel within a local jurisdiction or county.	Shari A Ramirez-MacKay
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	201	Is Breaking Bad? When is an emergency a reason to break the rules?	During an emergency, everyone needs things to move quickly, especially administrative processes. The presenters will help define the term "emergency" as it relates to administrative and audit rules.	Amanda Arriaga
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	001A	Texas Public Works Response Team	The Public Works Response Team (PWRT) supports local jurisdictions in their response to a catastrophic event by providing critical public works services as needed to facilitate recovery.	Darrick Hesson
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	006D	Family Reunification--the Texas Way!	This one-hour session will provide an overview of the new Family Reunification Appendix to the State's Mass Care Plan. It will describe local, state, and federal responsibilities under the plan.	Randy Templeton
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007A	The Storm Surge Warning and other New Products for this Hurricane Season	Will describe new products from the NWS and National Hurricane Center. This will include the new Storm Surge Warning, surge inundation graphic and the concept of warning prior to cyclone formation.	Dan Reilly
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007B	Integrating Millennials Into Emergency Management	With national expansion of Emergency Management-related curricula, more Millennials desire careers in the field; they lack experience, are difficult to manage, yet offer unique value to EM.	Dr. Magdalena A. Denham
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007C	Solving Problems Together: Local and Regional Plans Unit and You	This session will consist of a short strategic brief for the Local and Regional Plans Unit, followed by open discussion with participants. Participants should come ready to discuss areas of concern regarding <u>their local planning and ask questions.</u>	Dan Price
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007D	Lessons Learned from the First Ebola Death in the United States	An in-depth look at the field response to the first death in the US from the Ebola Virus. Coordination of the response and the hands-on actions to properly handle a corpse with an infectious disease.	Rick Tull
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	008A	Highway Safety Operations Center (HSOC)	An overview of the long-term vision of the Texas Highway Patrol's Highway Safety Operations Center and how it can assist other law enforcement agencies.	David Palmer

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Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	101A	6th CST WMD Recent Technology and Capability Update	Provides the audience with an awareness of the recent enhancement to the team's radiation detection capability. Also provides a presentation and demonstration of newly acquired training for the implementation of dry decontamination, and demonstrates level A suit cut-out procedures.	LTC William Phillips
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	101B	Beyond Degrees: Certificates, Credentials, and Post-nominals in EM	Session will present the variety of certificates, credentials, and post-nominals available to Texas Emergency Managers. We will discuss the CEM & TEM, as well as courses-of-study available from FEMA's Emergency Management Institute and associated programs.	Niki L. Bender, MPA
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	102A	Multi Agency Resource Center Workshop	MARC's are facilities that provide as much assistance as possible to individuals and families affected by disaster. This workshop will cover lessons learned from recent Texas events.	Bill Dorman
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	102B	Comprehensive Emergency Management and Inclusive Planning Principles	This session explores how comprehensive emergency management principles are impacted by including disproportionately impacted populations in the planning process through lecture and experience.	Dawn Skaggs
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	202A	FirstNet and Texas - Leading the Nation	FirstNet and TX Statewide Interop/Broadband Coordinator Todd Early discuss key strategies, Texas FirstNet Consultation and planned next steps and your role in delivering the dedicated public safety Broadband Network in TX and the U.S.	Todd Early
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	203B	10 Tips to Help You be Prepared for Emergencies at Home	Have you thought about what would you do if you needed to call 911? Are you prepared for home emergencies? This class will prepare you to make your home safer for you and family.	Jason Dush
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	204A	Railroad Hazmat/Crude Oil Incidents - Proper Planning and Safe Response	BNSF presents the session to provide attendees with information on how to properly prepare for a railroad hazmat/crude oil incident and how to safety and effectively response to an incident.	Patrick Brady
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	204B	Role of Schools in Whole Community Emergency Management	Schools are part of whole community emergency management. This workshop facilitates discussions among emergency managers and schools and introduces concepts of high quality EM planning for schools.	Jo Schweikhard Moss
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	Ballroom	Public Assistance Procurement Requirements	Representatives from FEMA's Office of Chief Counsel will discuss mandatory requirements associated with Public Assistance Grantees using disaster relief funding to finance their procurements.	John Cho

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Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	201	FNSS Compliant Shelter Operations through Whole Community Approach	This presentation will provide some solutions solutions to the challenges of FNSS compliant shelter operations that are available from both community based and private sector resources.	Juan Ortiz
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	001A	Active Threat Planning: Lessons Learned from Fort Hood	Using the attacks at Fort Hood, we will explore the "Life Cycle" of an active threat event, from moment of attack through response and recovery how lessons learned are transformed into preparedness.	Chad Berg
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	001B	Who Are You Going To Call? Requesting Disaster Behavioral Health Assets	Presentation will provide an overview of Resource Typing for Disaster Behavioral Health assets available to Emergency Management and Incident Command during State and Federal disasters.	Liza Carol Chigos
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	002A	CEM/AEM Exam		Kate McClimans
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	006C	Using NWSChat During High Impact Weather Events	This one hour training session will cover the basics of NWSChat, from setting up an account, to changing your password, to accessing the correct chat rooms. We will also discuss the use of NWSChat on mobile devices, and how to optimize your NWSChat experience during high impact weather	Mark Wiley
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	006D	RadResponder: Free Smart Device Gateway to Rad Incident Reporting	What RadResponder is, how Texas (DSHS) currently uses it, and how other Federal, State and Local emergency response organizations with radiation monitoring capabilities can create a data sharing platform by using RadResponder.	Rae Walker
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	007A	NWS Weather Support During HAZMAT Events	Examples of what kind of weather information an emergency manager can receive during a hazmat event from the National Weather Service.	Roger Erickson
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	007B	Establishing a Type 3 All Hazard Incident Management Team	Discussion of how Emergency Responders and Managers can establish an AHIMT in their jurisdiction.	Charles "Boo" Walker
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	008A	COOP Business Impact Analysis and Risk Mitigation Evaluation	Learn how to conduct a business impact analysis and the associated risk mitigation following FEMA guidelines.	Alan Sowell
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	008B	Covering Rural Texas with PS LTE: Challenges & Priorities	Public Safety LTE build-out across rural areas is a national priority for FirstNet! Hear how Texas is using leading edge analytical tools and data to capture priorities that will be used to design Texas' public safety network of the future.	Cynthia Wenzel Cole
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	101B	Innovations in Regional Emergency Management	This session is a panel discussion with a cross-section of regional homeland security planners from across the state who will touch on the role councils of government play in ensuring the safety of TX	Kimberly Lile

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Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	102A	Amateur Radio: Providing Disaster Situational Awareness	Discussion on how Amateur Radio can provide critical situational awareness to emergency communication managers during a disaster event and how AR can be used to provide a force multiplier to public safety needs.	Lee H. Cooper
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	102B	TXMAP - DPS' GIS	The session will review how DPS uses web-based GIS in its mission to ensure public safety. A demonstration of TXMAP's use as a common operating picture will be provided.	Paul Flynn
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	202A	Overview: Texas 10 Most Wanted/Texas Stash House Rewards Programs	The Texas Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Office of the Governor and the Texas Crime Stoppers program, identifies select fugitives and wanted sex offenders who pose the most significant threat to public safety in the state. The Texas Stash House Rewards Program is designed to encourage Texans to help combat transnational crime by anonymously reporting information on stash houses used to facilitate human trafficking, drug smuggling and smuggling of people.	Adam Unnasch
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	203B	If Disaster Strikes: Is Your Family Prepared?	Have you ever thought to yourself, "what would I do if" as you watch the news about a natural disaster? Jason will show you some basic concepts that will help your entire family be better prepared.	Jason Dush
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	204A	Remember the Zoo! A Call for Inclusion in Community Preparedness	Attendees will be introduced to a new all-hazards preparedness, response and recovery Center designed to connect zoological and exotic animal communities with the emergency management community.	Dr. Yvonne Nadler
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	204B	Discussion: Long Term Housing After a Federal Declaration	Overview of the Individual Assistance programs and the Community Development Block Grant and discussion on long term housing.	Sandy Eastham
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	201	TDEM CIS and Technology	CIS what and how we support CISST/Regional/State, Response, IMTs and EM tech and the like.	Sam Miller
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	001A	Geographic Information Systems Mapping: Response, Availability, & Training	There is a grass roots level movement to bring GIS analysis and mapping capabilities into emergency management and response. We will discuss ways this is being done in a pilot study in North Texas.	David W. Allen, GISP
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	006A	Disaster District Operations Part 1		Rhonda Lawson

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Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	006C	New Technologies to Enhance Preparedness and Rapid Recovery	Development of new technologies in recent years that can be used for monitoring to enhance the preparedness and rapid recovery after Hurricanes and other major disasters will be discussed.	Cumaraswamy Vipulanandan
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	006D	Low cost open source flood gauges	Discussion of the deployment of low cost flood gauges based on COTS components including the technology, the actual deployment, the lessons learned, and the metrics of the system.	Joel Aud
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	007A	TX-TF1 more than just US&R: Technical Assistance, Liaison, and ESF-9 for the State of Texas	TBD	Jim Yeager
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	007B	Using risk assessment to design safer school facilities	Risk assessment has been used to evaluate existing school facilities however it is also a powerful tool for designing safer new school facilities. Two new facilities are used as case studies for how risk assessment can guide a school district to cost effective hazard mitigation for new school facilities.	John Bremer
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	007C	FirstNet - Public Safety Broadband Network Data Collection	The Texas Public Safety Broadband Program will outline data elements which will be collected via a Survey Tool. FirstNet will discuss the national approach and how Texas' data will feed into the bigger picture.	Lesia Dickson
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	007D	Building a Weather Ready Texas: 2015 Update	Will show examples of Weather Ready Nation (WRN) successes across Texas, and discuss WRN Ambassador Program and it's use building community responsiveness and resilience to hazardous weather.	Barry S. Goldsmith
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	008A	From Local Jurisdiction to Higher Education	Patrice Hicks, EMC for UT System (previously Travis County) and Lorenzo Sanchez, EM Director for UT San Antonio (previously City of San Antonio) will discuss the emergency management program differences between local jurisdictions and institutions and the challenges they face.	Patrice Hicks
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	101B	Expecting the unexpected: Are we "rurally" prepared?	This session explores disaster preparedness in rural areas, and the implications for metropolitan areas that may need to lend assistance. It examines biological, natural and man-caused disasters.	Sylvia Baack, PhD, RN
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	102A	Keeping the Family Safe During Severe Weather	During a response to a disaster, loved ones are often left behind at home while you go off to render aid. This session will discuss basic weather safety rules for the family back at the house.	Paul Yura
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	102B	This ain't your average POD!	This session will cover the development and integration of a regional plan to distribute MCM to healthcare.	Lisa Spivey

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Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	202A	Austin Wide Area Radiation Experiment (AWARE)	The Austin Fire Department has worked with researchers at Applied Research Laboratories, UT Austin to develop a system which provides radiation background maps and continuous monitoring capabilities. This system provides better detection capabilities than existing systems.	Theron Proctor
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	204A	AgroTerrorism - The Threat to Our Nation's Food Source	This presentation examines the potential for terrorists to utilize biological weapons in imported foods to poison our nation's food source and what the ramifications of such an act would be.	Dee Grimm RN, JD
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	204B	Responder Safety and Health Deployment Guidelines	The Texas Disaster Medical System Responder Safety and Health working group will present and discuss the newly developed guidelines for responder safety before, during and after a deployment.	Elizabeth Barney
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	201	Challenges Associated with Animal Decontamination During Disasters	This session will provide an enhanced understanding of the challenges associated with decontaminating animals and include important safety considerations for both the animal and the responder.	Christopher James Mabry
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	001A	Defining State Emergency Operations	Planners are hard at work creating, revising and updating the State's Emergency Management Plan. This session highlights new and interesting developments derived from several recent projects in the fields of Transportation, Communications, Biological Hazards and Repatriation.	Chris Moore
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	001B	** Canceled ** Homeland Security: Past and Present	History of homeland security in the United States from 1776 to Present. Will address key events in America's homeland security history and will discuss the current state and possible ways forward.	Chris Dishman
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	001B	Public Safety LTE: A Reality in Texas (BIG-Net)	Texas Public Safety Broadband experts from DPS, Harris County and FirstNet share challenges, goals, partnerships, strategies, and best practices learned during the continued build-out of the BIG-Net Public Safety Broadband Network for Texas first responders.	Todd Early
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	006A	Disaster District Operations Part 2		Rhonda Lawson
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	006C	IED Attacks - Triage and Treatment Considerations	An overview of the potential for terrorist attacks utilizing IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices) and a discussion of the various triage and treatment considerations for healthcare workers.	Dee Grimm RN, JD
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	006D	Campus Chaos 2014-What were we thinking?	Discussion and lessons learned from multiple full scale exercises at elementary, high school and college campuses. The panel represents emergency management, LE, Fire, EMS and Hazmat perspectives.	Dorothy L. Miller

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Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	007A	Storm Damage Surveys with the National Weather Service	NWS meteorologists will explain and discuss the reasons for performing post event damage surveys. The discussion will focus on why surveys are needed, as well as what/how data is gathered.	Mark Fox
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	007B	What is new for LEPCs?	This session will delve into the world of LEPCs. It will cover how to find funding to support your LEPC, new state guidance, federal rules and regulations and best practices.	Gabriela Stermolle
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	007C	Accessible Educational Material in Emergency Preparedness	Reaching Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Populations with accessible educational products can be very difficult. Understanding that it takes "out of the box" thinking can be fun.	Glenda Ford-Lee, MHR
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	007D	Emergency Management ADA Compliance: Project Civic Access Lessons	If your jurisdiction uses standard EMP planning templates then you are probably not "ADA Compliant." Come hear about one county's experience with the Department of Justice's Project Civic Access.	Danielle Hale
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	008A	Texas Regional SAR Initiative	TBD	Jeff Saunders
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	008B	Mobile Use in the Emergency Tracking Network	A look at what is coming for 2016 and how mobile will be used within the Emergency Tracking Network.	Henry Boston
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	101A	Existing and Emerging Threats of the Chikungunya and West Nile Viruses	This session will provide information and guidance for emergency managers and responders regarding the Chikungunya and West Nile viruses, including modes of transmission, symptoms of infection, diagnostic methods, reporting and surveillance programs, disease prevention, and public education.	Laura Phipps, MPH, CPH, RS
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	101B	Disaster Behavioral Health - Moving Into The Future	Session will explain innovations in Disaster Behavioral Health team types and projects that the Disaster Behavioral Health Consortium will focus on for 2015.	Chance A. Freeman
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	102A	Response Planning for a Cyber Disruption Incident	Discuss Houston Regional Catastrophic Planning Initiative's 2014 cyber disruption planning process, which was designed to engage EM, IT, and LE. This project focused on response, not prevention.	Jonathan Wiggins
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	102B	Monitoring Process Unveiled	Interactive session designed to understand the monitoring landscape and what's on the horizon for the monitoring process.	Jillian Compton
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	202A	Public Information and Schools: No Joint Information System is Complete	School emergencies create big headlines, so school crisis communication must be a part of all joint information activities. This workshop will look at school emergency communications including the need for coordinated messaging that includes the impact of social media and mass notification	Melanie Moss

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Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	204A	Challenges for Response and Recovery with Senior Living Facilities	This session is a study of the unique challenges for the response and recovery operations for the Wedgwood Senior Adult Independent Living Apartment fire on December 28, 2014. Topics covered will include lessons learned and best practices pertaining to high rise senior adult complexes.	Mark Chadwick
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	204B	Mass Fatality Management in Texas	This session will discuss the current status and latest advancements of mass fatality management preparedness in the state of Texas, highlighting the Texas Mass Fatality Operations Response Team.	Allison Woody, MS, MEP
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	201	Nuclear/Radiological Incident Exercise Planner & CBRNE RC Program	Increase the proficiency of emergency management professionals of varying backgrounds when faced with an improvised nuclear device detonation and response. Brief the CBRNE Regional Coord. Program.	Dwayne Myal
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	001A	Leveraging The Planner's Toolkit for Robust EM Planning	TDEM's Planner's Toolkit presents TDEMs best practices for ensuring that planners' plan documents, templates, planning guidance and all communications reflect the highest planning standards in the nation. These tools are demonstrated in a combination of lecture/slide show and interactive discussion	Bill Wahlgren
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	001B	Recovery: Duplication of Benefits and Project Close-out	Federal regulations on duplication of benefits, what are duplications, understanding & reporting duplication and how this affects your grant award. Responsibilities for closing projects once complete	Bill Clark
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	001B	How to reach an audience you have never reached before.	Never before has video been such a powerful tool for communicating. Smart phones, tablets and super-fast home internet speeds have made access to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Vimeo as easy as turning on a TV. The TAHC recognizes the value and opportunity to educate our public through the	Bonnie Ramirez
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	006B	Averting a Second Disaster: Leading Financial Oversight Practices following	With pressure being put on federal and state budgets, more recently, the disaster response, recovery, and mitigation reimbursement process has come under much greater scrutiny. This has resulted in mo	Matt Jadacki, CP
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	006D	Task Force Logistics: Moving People and Equipment	TBD	Keith Brown
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007A	Radar Interpretation for Emergency Managers	NWS meteorologists will describe and show the operational strengths and limitations of weather radar data. This will include a hands-on demonstration of popular smart phone radar apps.	Mark Fox

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Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007C	Linking Boots and Books: Partnering Higher Education in Emergency Management	This workshop will explore higher education community as a force multiplier to Emergency Management practitioners; best practices of coordination and collaboration will be demonstrated	Carol Lee Manousos
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007D	Public Assistance: The Way Forward	Changes in federal policy relating to disaster recovery, such as the 2 CFR, Single Project Obligations, Policy Development for Insurance, FEMA PA Re-engineering and other policy influences.	Eric Kuntz
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	008A	New resources for animal issues planning.	New approaches and tools for developing emergency animal evacuation, sheltering, and veterinary medical support standard operating guidelines will be presented.	Wesley Bissett, DVM, PhD
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	008B	Debris: A federal and state overview - debris planning	An overview of debris removal programs for agencies who encounter debris generating disaster events. In addition, debris policy updates will be provided from the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act.	Valerie Ehrhardt
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	102A	Community Preparedness and the American Red Cross	While the role of the American Red Cross in response and recovery is well known, its role in community preparedness is less familiar. This session will outline ARC regional strategy and programs for increasing community resiliency.	Tamara Klindt
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	102B	A New Approach to Student/Family Reunification	Following the evacuation of two schools due to flooding Katy ISD was faced with the task of reuniting students with their families. As a result of lessons learned a new and more effective approach was developed. This new approach is presented for consideration by other school districts.	James Grima
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	202A	Public Safety Apps: How Will the Vision Become Reality?	Data will be delivered through a variety of applications from enterprise applications on agency-issued devices to individually downloaded applications on BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). Learn how public safety	Todd Early
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	202B	Inclusive Plans for People with Disabilities-Lessons Learned from Los Angeles	Presentation looks at challenges/ lessons observed developing compliant plans for the City of Los Angeles providing an overview of the process, roles and responsibilities, outcomes and best practices.	Dee Grimm
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	203A	Engaging the Whole Community in Preparedness	A panel of award-winning Texas Citizen Corps leaders will discuss how volunteers strengthen community resilience, enhance first responder capacity and capabilities, and the role of youth in state prep	Kimberly Lile
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	203B	Take 10 CPR/AED Training	Texas Division of Emergency Management	TBD
Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	204A	STAR 2015 and Resource Tracking Board Demonstration	STAR 2015 and Resource Tracking Board Demonstration	Jaime Ovalle

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Thursday, May 14, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	204B	Austin's Joint Response Procedures for Suspicious Package Incidents	This workshop will outline the procedures the Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department and the local FBI Office utilize when responding to reports of suspicious packages. It will include a brief history, the current procedures utilized, and the benefits of a joint response.	Theron Proctor
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	201	The Eyes of Texas are Always Watching for Suspicious Activity	The Eyes of Texas are Always Watching for Suspicious Activity	Lexi Quinney
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	001A	Reducing program costs through non-traditional partnerships	Thinking Outside of the Box: Developing and leveraging "Non-Traditional" Partnerships. Explore opportunities to cost-share training, equipment, facilities, and support during actual incident response	Larry Jantzen
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	001B	The TAMU VET and the 2014 Texas Ebola Response	Will focus on a brief discussion of Ebola infections in companion animals, how the TAMU VET managed the safety and animal welfare concerns, and the benefits of caring for animals in these situations	Debra L. (Deb) Zoran, DVM, PhD, DACVIM
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	006D	Protecting Texas Infrastructure: Implementing the TISR	Introduction to new Texas Infrastructure Security and Resilience Plan (TISR). Briefing and discussion about the roles of private and private sector partners in protecting Texas infrastructure.	David Jackson
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	007A	Weather Coordination During State-Wide Events	Will describe the functions of the National Weather Service Regional Operations Center in coordinating with local National Weather Service Offices to provide a cohesive statewide weather impacts message. Will also discuss reasons why the statewide message may differ from the local weather offices.	Mark Wiley
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	007B	Law Enforcement and the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)	Familiarize attendees with the Strategic National Stockpile, and provide Law Enforcement with a knowledge of their roles and responsibilities during the deployment of the SNS.	John B. Pettitt

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Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	007C	Risk Communication – Where Nigeria Got it Right and the US Got It Wrong	This presentation provides an overview of the Nigerian and U.S. governments' response to the 2014 Ebola outbreak. The presenters will discuss the actions taken by the two governments and risk communication. Furthermore, best practices for implementation will be emphasized.	Dr. Magdalena Denham
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	007D	Effective and Secure Collaboration in Critical Situations	Learn how HSIN is being used in the field, gain insight into planning and responding to critical situations, explore best practices for building partnerships, and discover tools responders rely on.	Hanh Truong
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	008A	Developing an Animal Issues Committee for Local Jurisdictions	Developing an Animal Issues Committee for local jurisdictions to use during disaster situations.	Butch Davis
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	008B	Media Relations at the Scene of A Disaster	This presentation will help familiarize emergency personnel the importance of coordinating media at the scene of an incident. Outline when, where, why and how a news briefing should be conducted.	Robbie Barrera
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	101A	Incident Management Teams - The Evolution Continues	This session will discuss the continued evolution of Incident Management Teams not only in Texas but across the nation. The discussion will center on the multi-faceted approach of IMTs.	Michael Hemby
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	101B	Evacuation Sheltering for Disasters - From Start to Finish	This will give the basic outline for how to set up sheltering starting from building acquisition through demobilization. Provide information gained from field experience and best practices .	Brandon Murray
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	102B	** Canceled ** Managing the Lost Person Incident	The Managing the Lost Person Incident program is designed to teach an overview of the knowledge and skills necessary to perform as the <u>Incident Commander on a lost person incident.</u>	Brett Shayler
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	202A	Damage Assessments: Capturing the Costs	Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) costs to determine state eligibility of a Presidential Declaration for the Public Assistance Grant Program.	Sherri Copeland
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	202B	Texas Logistics - Resource Request Management	This session will discuss the following: - each phase of the logistics resource request process, from the local level, to the DDC, to the SOC, and up to FEMA R6 - automated systems supporting logistics management in Texas	Wade R. Parks
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	203A	Leveraging the New Local Planning Template to Create Robust EM Plans	Planners learn how to leverage The Planner's Toolkit planning process through a demonstration of TDEM's revamped planning template for local jurisdictions.	Dan Price

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Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	203B	Disaster Preparedness-Preparing Your Family	In any disaster, emergency management professionals will be unable to return home for extended periods of time. This course will engage participants in creating a flexible family disaster plan.	Daniel Borgeson
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	204A	Navigating the OMB Super Circular	Dive into the OMB's new requirements for federal award programs and their impact on grantees including increased clarity and consistency across circulars and increased transparency and accountability.	Jillian Compton
Thursday, May 14, 2015	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	204B	Oil and Gas Incidents: Knowing Who to Call	Learn about the role of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in emergency response situations related to oil and gas activity. The session will clarify which state agency has jurisdiction over various aspects of oil and gas activity in Texas and how to work with them in case of an oil or gas related incident.	Gaye Greever McElwain
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	201	Tactical Marine Unit	Discuss daily operations and capabilities of the Texas Highway Patrol Tactical Marine Unit.	TJ Wood
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	001A	1033 Military Surplus Program	Equip your law enforcement team by using the Department of Defense surplus property and equipment program. Step up and leverage your agency's capabilities. Take advantage of this unique program!	Rolando Ayala
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	001B	LoneStar & Texas Servers - WebEOC Support for Texas	Provides an overview and history of the LoneStar and State WebEOC Servers in Texas and how local, regional and state partners use WebEOC for disaster response.	Jonathan E. King
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	007A	Communicating Confidence and Expected Impacts from Weather Forecasts	All weather forecasts have some error associated with them. NWS Fort Worth has been using a confidence and impacts matrix chart, designed to highlight the anticipated forecast and expected impacts.	Mark Fox
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	007B	Search & Rescue - Local Solutions for Local Problems	TBD	Warren "Country" Weidler
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	007C	EMCs and Dam Emergency Action Plans	Emergency Action Plans are required for over 1,200 Dams in TX. TCEQ solicits cooperation from local EMCs in assuring EAPs identify resources and processes to respond to a dam emergency.	Jeff Thomas
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	007D	406 Mitigation: Creating More Resilient Communities	The 406 Mitigation is Public Assistance Program that creates an opportunity for applicants to fortify their infrastructure against future catastrophic events.	Khin Htwe

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Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	008A	Animal Disease Response - It's a Horse of a Different Color	Animal disease response & recovery operations differ significantly from other natural disaster operations. Once an animal disease is confirmed, local EMCs & first responders may be asked to assist	Jeff Turner
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	008B	Organizing Your Emergency Operations Plan	Where do you start when you want to write an Emergency Operations Plan? This session will cover best practices and provide a high-level overview of the different options for organizing the content in your plan.	Chris Moore
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	101A	The Impact of Youth Preparedness Programs on Community Resilience	Youth have the potential to play an important role in strengthening community preparedness and resilience. This session will discuss the benefits of establishing youth preparedness programs in local.	Joe McKenna
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	101B	Lessons Learned - Assisting Seniors and Others in the Wedgwood Fire	The Wedgwood Fire in San Antonio brought to the forefront issues related to disaster planning and response for our aging citizens. The session will discuss lessons learned from this deadly event.	Dee Grimm
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	102A	Population Monitoring in a Radiological Emergency	Description of Issues involving monitoring and care of populations affected by radiation exposure/contamination. Discussion of Community Reception Centers, radiological monitoring, and resulting public concerns.	Chris Moore
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	102B	Through the Chaos of Crisis: Innovative Perspectives on Effective Communication	This interactive session presents innovative perspectives to overcome public information challenges across multiple platforms and demonstrates an integrative approach to public information.	Angela Clendenin
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	202A	Passenger Rail Rescue	For jurisdictions with passenger rail service through their communities, a train derailment is potential mass casualty incident. The Feb. 24, 2015 Metrolink demonstrates the need for a better understanding these complex incidents. Amtrak runs through 46 counties, not including light rail and intra-city rail.	Brian Smith
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	202B	Religious Sensitivities in Disasters	Discussion of the religious issues that can arise during disasters and the need to pre-identify and train those who will serve in the role of "chaplain" to survivors, family members and first responders. Session will cite historical precedents with particular emphasis given to Family Assistance Centers	David Lilly
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	203A	Fostering Relationships: Bridging the Gap between EM and Academia	As the world changes rapidly, security threats and disasters evolve with it bringing new and more complicated challenges. The collaboration of EM and Academia will aid in societal resiliency.	Stevee Franks

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Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	203B	EM Budgeting: Essential Skills for Growing & Managing Your Budget	This session will elevate participant knowledge of creating a comprehensive budget package to include personnel, equipment, and capital supplemental requests. Strategies such as linking existing and new funding initiatives to the organizations core business and council goals will be discussed.	Karen Adkins, CEM
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	204A	Preparing Our Own	Preparing Our Own, a presentation on identifying hazardous environment education and training needs of Emergency Management field personnel and what TDEM is preparing for the future.	Lynn Burttschell
Thursday, May 14, 2015	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	204B	The 20th Century Emergency Manager and Diverse Community Challenges	This session explores the changing role of the local emergency manager as they combine modern techniques and internal and cultural strengths of diverse, closed, and indigenous communities.	Dawn Skaggs
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	201	Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC)	Provide an overview of the IMAAC's capabilities to support rapid response decision making by providing predictive plume modeling for the atmospheric release of hazardous materials.	Sean Crawford
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	001A	What's New for the TAMU VET: Progress and Plans	This talk will discuss where the TAMU VET is now, 5 years after its formation, and especially focus on where the team is working to go to fill the gaps in animal preparedness and response.	Debra L. (Deb) Zoran, DVM, PhD, DACVIM
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	001B	The Texas Effective Communication Toolkit- Disability Support	The Texas Effective Communication Toolkit provides guidance on how to support the development of accessible messages and provide communication support to people with disabilities in emergencies.	Will O'Neill
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	006C	NIMS SAR Typing: What FEMA 508 and 509 mean to you	TBD	Jeff Saunders,
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	007A	Individuals with Functional Needs or Disabilities: Tips for Responding	Effective tips and skills to effectively identify, address, and respond to individuals with functional needs or disabilities who first responders and volunteers will encounter in the line of duty.	Laura M. Stough, Ph.D
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	007B	School Safety Audits- New Guidance for District Staff & Community Partners	This session provides new guidance for school districts and communities for developing processes to continuously assess the safety of their schools to provide safe and secure learning environments.	Catherine Toohey
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	007C	LTE 101 and Learning Texas Public Safety Broadband Online	Start with LTE basics and learn your way through CASM, Mobile Data Survey, the LTE website and Online Learning Center. Get involved and become a smart, engaged stakeholder in the Texas Public Safety Broadband Program!	Lesia Dickson

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Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	007D	Insurance: The revised policy and what it means	An overview of the FEMA insurance requirements, documentation needed to process a payment and how insurance deductions affect the bottom line of a grant award.	Rob Cameron
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	008A	National Guard CBRNE Response Enterprise	The CBRNE Response Enterprise (CRE) is the combination of all National Guard CBRNE Response capabilities. These capabilities include Homeland Response Force, CBRN Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP), Civil Support Team (CST). The CRE can conduct detection, affected area Security, Search and Extraction, Mass DECON, Medical Triage and Fatality Recovery capabilities.	Colonel Lee Schnell
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	008B	Working with the News Media at the Scene of a Disaster	Identifying the different types of news media. Describe the roll of the news media at the scene of a disaster. Conduct a successful media interview.	Robbie Barrera
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	101A	Texas Terrorism Threat Overview	A comprehensive overview of the current and emerging terrorism threats to the State of Texas from a wide variety of foreign and domestic actors to include ideologies and modus operandi.	Todd Bensman
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	102A	Relationships with the Chemical Industry Before, During and After an Incident	On November 15, 2014 the DuPont La Porte facility suffered a chemical release that killed 4 workers and injured 1 other. This session will relive the response and communications for that day.	Jeff Suggs
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	102B	Individual Safe Room/Shelter Grant from the County Perspective	Process review and discussion to include: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan, Safe Room Grant preparation, Notice of Interest, Grant submittal, Count specific management options and process,	Ray Fletcher
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	202A	Understanding Legislative Impacts to Your Emergency Management Program	In light of the Texas Legislature's 84th session, we are reminded that legislation affecting emergency management programs can change quickly and without warning. Review the basic laws that affect emergency managers and how to stay in the loop about new and amended legislation.	Bill Wahlgren
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	202B	Radiological/Nuclear Update and Electromagnetic Pulse Preparations	This session will present an update on last year's Radiological Preparedness information, and describe the TxDPs-DHS Electromagnetic Pulse Working Group progress for the State of Texas	John C White CNMT
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	203A	Active Shooter Training: Integrating Police, Fire and EMS Responses	This session will examine training and response methods for integrating police, fire and EMS services to an active shooter event with a focus on current national trends.	Terry Nichols

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Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	203B	Winning Back our Boys	This interactive workshop is based on the best selling book "Winning back our Boys: The Ultimate Game Plan for Parents and Teachers". It's designed to equip and empower individuals with the key insights and tools necessary to positively impact today's young men. This workshop will reveal how participant	Chris Cannon
Thursday, May 14, 2015	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	204B	Satellite Observations of the State of the Texas Drought	The UT Center for Space Research uses satellite remote sensing to measure Total Water Storage (subsoil groundwater, soil moisture and surface water) and vegetation conditions for monitoring drought.	Gordon Wells
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	201	Long Term Recovery	After the public awareness diminishes over time, a strong, well-organized Long Term Recovery Group can ensure that available resources are utilized to address recovery needs.	Traci Brasher
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	001A	Integrating Safe Rooms Into New and Existing Public Safety Facilities	With limited funding and changing building codes, this workshop will include strategies for an incremental approach to providing for emergency response functions within survivable facilities.	Susan Gantt, AIA, LEED AP
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	001B	Mobile Apps: Conservation Enforcement App Use on handheld devices	The Texas Game Warden technology Lieutenant explains the journey to discover, spec, design, and build/buy iDevice apps used for 500+ wardens to do their jobs more safely and efficiently across Texas.	Michael Mitchell
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	006A	IP Gateway: On-line Toolbox for Understanding Your Critical Infrastructure	Introduction to new HS/EM tool for data collection and analysis of critical infrastructure for risk management, infrastructure protection, event planning, and incident response activities.	David Jackson
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	006B	Common Audit Findings in 2014	This course will provide an overview of the common audit findings in 2014, the types of documentation that sufficiently provide audit evidence and best practices to avoid findings in the future.	Jack Reagan
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	006C	Preparing for Compliance Before the Storm	The award of federal disaster assistance should not be the start of ensuring compliance with federal regulations. Learn how simple steps before the disaster occurs can maximize the effectiveness of your disaster dollars and prevent non-compliance.	Kent Burgess

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Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	006D	Can You Hear Me?	Those Deaf or with hearing loss have emergencies, too. If you should need to help someone deaf or with hearing loss what should you do? ADA how it affects you, who does it protect. This session will provide knowledge of affective communication strategies, guidance and information of communication assess for those deaf and with hearing loss. Demonstration of emergency alerting devices used by those deaf and hard of hearing. Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Service/ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.	Deafness Resource Specialist Sara Filippone
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007A	Hablamos del Tiempo en Espanol, Texas?	NWS offices serving Texas provide information in Spanish to serve a growing population, many living in vulnerable areas. NOAA Weather Radio, hurricane threats, briefings, social media to be discussed	Barry S. Goldsmith
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007B	Human Trafficking in Texas	Session will cover human trafficking 101, including the difference of human smuggling. Discussion of how information is shared at the TxJCIC, and how collaboration between agencies is important.	Jessica Garcia
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	007C	Leveraging Resources in Lost Person Incidents	Lost person incidents can easily tax local resources. Learn how to use trained search professionals, technology and canine assets, as well as community volunteers in your incident. Learn what differentiates professional SAR assets and observe an SAR canine demonstration.	Brian M. Brown
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	008A	2014 Ebola Panel Discussion	Representatives from the Tx Animal Health Commission, Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team, Tx DSHS, and Dallas County will discuss the <u>role of animals in the 2014 Ebola response.</u>	Wesley Bissett, DVM, PhD
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	008B	Who you gonna call?	This session focuses on the planning efforts in a 25 county region dedicated to the establishment of a Regional Ebola Transport Ambulance.	Lori Upton
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	101A	Emergency Generators through Hazard Mitigation	The session will describe the capabilities and limitations of using Mitigation Grants to acquire emergency generators. Previously successful projects will be highlighted.	Steve Mendoza
Friday, May 15, 2015	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	101B	Improving Consistency in Mitigation Plans	Lack of Consistency between the different sections of a Local Mitigation Plan is the most commonly occurring fault. This session will present common problems and solutions in this area.	Mitchell Osburn